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Hongkong, Nov. 6, 1911. 1424

THE DESTRUCTION OF IDOLS.

The other day we printed an account of the wholesale destruction of idols now proceeding in Canton. To-day we translate from the columns of the vernacular press the following edit issued by the Kwangtung Government, urging upon the people to tolerate all forms of religion.

This edit is issued for the benefit of all concerned. We find by searching into matters that liberty of faith is allowed, and considered the correct thing in all civilized countries. The churches of the Roman Catholic rite, and the temples of the Shinto cult of Japan have alike been protected in China. There have been good men in connection with these temples. Who have stirred up the minds and refreshed the memories in regard to the deep things of the past, and so we have been enabled, when our work has been finished, to gather in those places of groves and gardens, and discuss things of importance. Since the Military Government has been established, we have issued proclamations repressing all rowdiness and fanaticism. We have been informed how ever that rowdies have gathered in certain places and temples, and have seized upon the opportunity to pull down and overthrow the idols. In this new found zeal for the overthrow of superstitions, there is an opportunity of doing evil, and thereby of creating fear and engendering distrust. We have ascertained that many of these temples are public property, which have been built by public bodies and by public funds. On the other hand some have been erected by private funds. It is, therefore, most inopportune to destroy these idols at this time and in this way. The correct way is for all those who have interests at stake to meet together, discuss the problem, come to some satisfactory conclusion, and then proceed to action. Let this plan, which has been decided upon be made public to all. If this course is not followed, then the neighbours will misapprehend the situation, and there will be mutual clashes of interest and recrimination. This will in its turn interfere with the public peace. Moreover these deeds are not consonant with the activities and ideals of a civilized people. We therefore earnestly hope that the people of our peaceful commonwealth will not regard this edit as a mere flowing stream or river. This proclamation is specially issued and must be obeyed.

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That the words "Kiangwan Race Club" (Shanghai) be added to Rule 1 Part 1 of the Rules of Racing.
By Order.
T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, December 18, 1911. 1414

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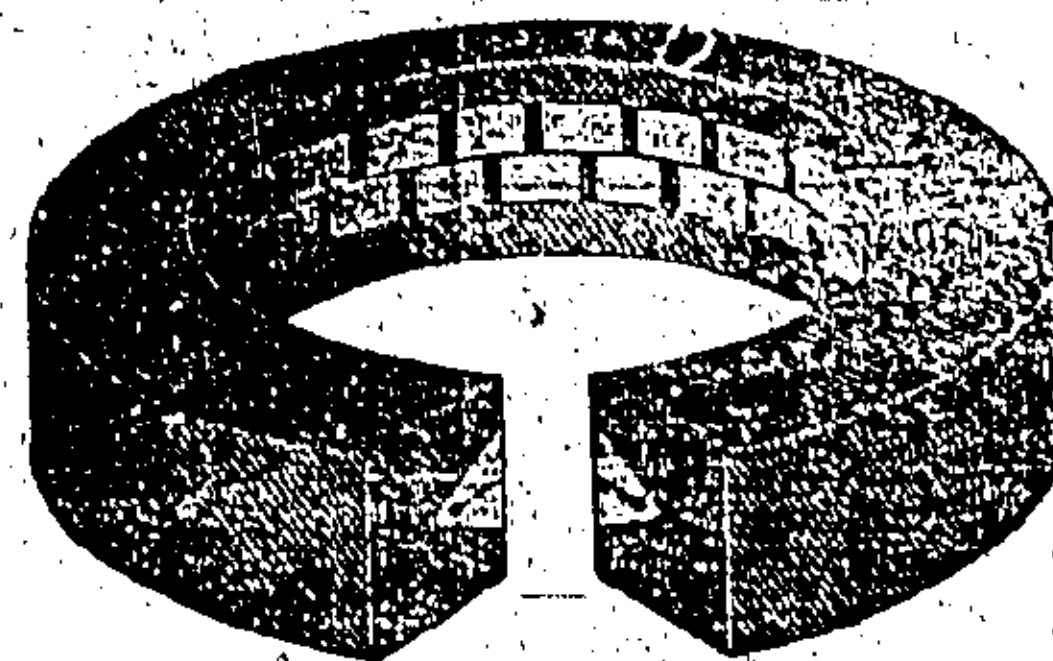
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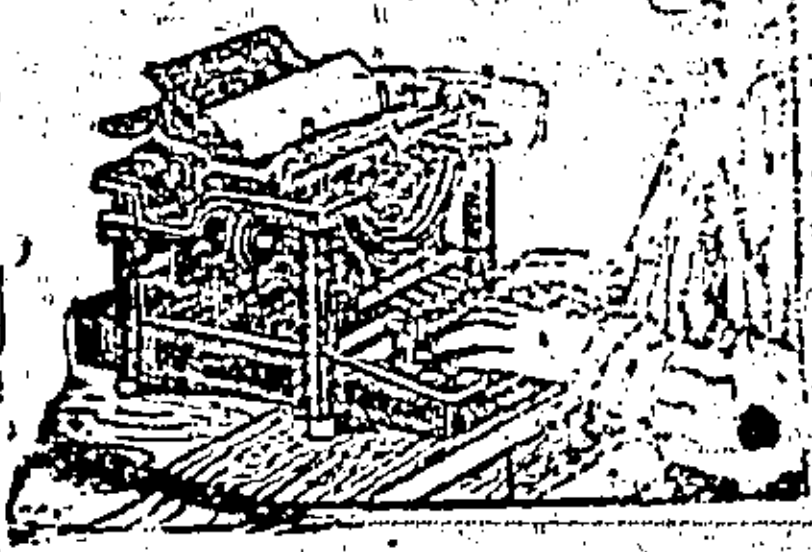
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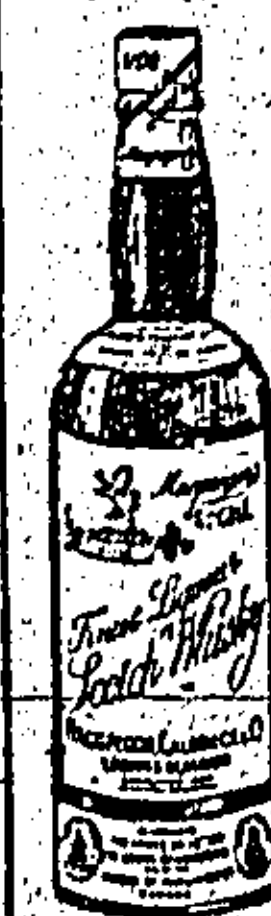
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Hongkong, December 19, 1911. 1634

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10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m., Every 15 minutes.
11.00 a.m. to 12.45 p.m., Every 15 minutes.
12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m., Every 15 minutes.
1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m., Every 15 minutes.
1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m., Every 15 minutes.
2.15 p.m. to 5.00 p.m., Every 15 minutes.
5.00 p.m. to 8.10 p.m., Every 10 minutes.
NIGHT CARS.
8.45 p.m. and 9 p.m., 9.45 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. every 15 minutes.

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8.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m., Every 15 minutes.
10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m., Every 10 minutes.
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There's a bunch of promise case upon
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And a murder right across the pickled
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You can read about the Navy on the sur-
face of the gravy.
While the spinach gives the latest news
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The motto on the fish is "Votes for
Women!"
While a scandal on the real attention
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On the bacon we are getting all the
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With the names of all the winners on the
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Quite one of the best topical songs for some
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The coon song finds the same honoured
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It is called "Mamie May," and is
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Barrett, in providing the words, has fully
realised that the public will have a coon
song at any cost:

There's one more coon who has lost his
heart.
There's one more coon in love;
Just one more coon who will never
never part.
From his dark eyed turtle dove,
Siles Brown met Mamie May.
At a minkie in town one day,
And Siles to the May made love,
Like this, just the same old way.

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there still stand on a little islet some miles above the Forth Bridge dilapidated wooden erections denoting where a shaft was sunk. But modern mining science has introduced many methods of overcoming difficulties, and pit-sinking and deep workings are possible now which would not have been attempted in earlier times. Electricity has accomplished much, particularly in regard to pumping. Moreover, electrical and compressed air coal-cutting machines have a wonderful efficiency in dealing with awkward and thin seams. Mammoth fan fans, with a well-thought-out system of ventilation, also tend to make operations three miles under the sea quite matter of fact.

There are four points from which the Firth of Forth is being attacked underground, says the *Standard*. Two are on the Fife or north shore, and two are on the south shore. It is from the Fife side that the most determined assault is being made. The new collieries are on a very large scale, both above and below ground. Close to the seashore near Culross, that very ancient and moribund Fife hamlet celebrated a century and more ago for its iron girdles for baking scones, is the new colliery of Valleyfield. The shafts have taken a couple of years to sink. The Fife Coal Company, the largest colliery concern in the county, are the proprietors. Down 220 fathoms descend the brick-lined shafts, and the main road below ground are of a size not usually seen, at any rate, in Scottish pits; the pit bottom at the foot of the principal shaft is arched in three-feet thick concrete, and is 24ft. high and 24ft. wide. Pumps will not be used underground, the coal trucks being hauled by means of electricity.

The right of winning this coal from under the sea has been obtained from the Crown, and the miners will steadily work outwards to the centre of the Forth. The coal is of splendid quality, and one thing that the colliery risk or claims for summer damage by subsidence. For the first year or so the output will be about 2000 tons per day, but double that tonnage is the probable regular day's "darg." That erstwhile very tranquil village of Culross has a little bustling town ship erected close at hand. Streets of cottages have been built, rows of comfortable dwellings, bright shops, and a couple of "Models." But this part of Fife is getting accustomed to new ideas; the naval dockyard of Rosyth is only a few miles along the shore to the eastward. Much nearer the mouth of the Forth is the new Wellesley Colliery. It is close to that wonderful coal port Methil—a port 25 years ago unknown, and now shipping about three million tons of coal a year. The shafts are sunk to about 270 fathoms, and the Wemyss Coal Company (Limited) have the right to work seawards. A daily output of 3000 to 4000 tons is aimed at, and an immense washing and screening plant is being installed. To reclaim land on the foreshore on which to erect screening houses a 30ft. high sea-wall over a mile in length is almost completed. Here the screening tables will stand, and the coal-laden hutes will travel from the pit mouth to these tables by gravitation. Another reclamation scheme on the Forth for colliery purposes is also the subject of a Board of Trade inquiry. It is near Bo'ness, in the upper reaches of the Forth, some miles above the Forth Bridge.

Already, however, for a number of years past one colliery has been steadily winning coal on a fairly large scale under the Forth. It is the Forth Colliery, near Prestonpans, on the border of Midlothian. The two shafts are just on the edge of the sea at high tide, and the workings extend a considerable distance under the bed of the Forth. Before the coal-face could be reached a huge whinstone dyke had to be cut through. But whinstone is easily dealt with by modern machinery. In sinking the Valleyfield pits 21 fathoms of very hard whin-rock were easily yanked by air-drills and the latest type of explosive. There is a vast acreage of coal under the Firth of Forth,

Borings alongshore have proved that, and these new collieries are constructed on the most substantial plan to endure for generations. The right to mine coal is granted by lease from the Woods and Forests Department. And the royalties to the Crown are not inconsiderable. It is estimated that the Crown royalty to be derived from the new colliery, will amount to about £4000 per year. So what with the new Scottish fields and the extension of the Durham and Yorkshire coal-fields, not to mention a probable find in Derbyshire, it would seem that the old country has still many sure resources to draw upon before it has used up all its coal.

OUR WEEKLY PICTURE.

This week's issue of the *Overland China Mail* will have reproduced on the cover a portrait of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, China's noted reformer, who passed through Hongkong yesterday in the *English Mail*, bound for Shanghai.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The Y. M. C. A. tennis club are to hold a concert on January 5.

Melchers and Co. send us a calendar issued by the Royal Insurance Co. Ltd.

Mr. Lawson, Editor of the *Madras Mail*, has been re-appointed Sheriff of Madras.

The French Mail of the 21st November was delivered in London on the 21st December.

Among the passengers proceeding home by the s.s. *Himalaya* is Lieut. Buchanan, late commander of H.M.S. *Tesol*.

The Toyo Kisen Kaisha send us a couple of elaborately lithographed wall calendars bearing an illustration of one of their mammoth liners.

The death is announced in Midlothian of Mr. William Coutts one of the last survivors of the Franklin Search Expedition of 1850, who also took part in the Crimean war.

Of 42,560 people who left the United Kingdom in October 28,955 went to British possessions and 15,005 to foreign countries. The passengers from Ireland to the United Kingdom numbered 1,900.

The fixtures cards of the Essex and Suffolk Hunt contain the following notice:—"Motors are requested not to come within 100 yards of meet, and on no account to follow the hounds."

The annual prize distribution in connection with the Victoria British School, Caroline Road, East Point, took place this morning in the presence of a large attendance. Bishop Lander presided and subsequently presented the prizes.

Dr. Sun Yat-sen very cleverly evaded the Hongkong interviewers on Thursday, getting off to Shanghai without committing himself. General Homer B. Lea was not quite so reticent. He evidently hopes to play the part of a Lafayette in China.

Mr. R. H. Williams, late manager in Colombo of Messrs. Dowdell & Co., Ltd., has been sentenced to seven years' imprisonment for his embezzlements from the firm of several lakhs of rupees, which he took to cover losses incurred in rubber speculations.

"You ask for \$5 and defendant says he can only pay \$3 per month, so I shall make it \$4," said Mr. Justice Gompertz, in a case at the Supreme Court this morning, to Mr. E. J. Gird, who appeared for plaintiff. Mr. Gird remarked that \$3 was hardly worth collecting.

From Messrs. Stimson and Co., sole agents in China of the well-known Revlon brandy, we have received a bottle of brandy and also a sample bottle of the liquor. It is a brandy which has won gold medals at Calcutta, Brisbane, Vienna and London exhibitions.

At the conclusion of the meeting of the Legislative Council on Thursday afternoon His Excellency the Governor read a despatch, which he had received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, tendering congratulations to the Colony on the successful completion of such an important enterprise as the British Section of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, and trusting the British section of the line would be instrumental in bringing increased prosperity to the Colony. (Applause.)

ACCIDENT TO N. Y. K. LINER.

Awa Maru returns to Seattle. The Hongkong Office of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha in receipt of telegraphic communication from the office in Seattle that the s.s. *Awa Maru*, which left that port on the 19th inst., is returning to Seattle for certain repairs to be effected and is due back there on the 21st inst. It is estimated that the repairs will take three days.

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SUN YAT SEN IN
HONGKONG.SPEECH TO CHINESE
SYMPATHISERS.

Foreign Loans Advocated.

By far the most interesting feature of Dr. Sun Yat-sen's brief stay in Hongkong yesterday was a speech, which he delivered to a gathering of Chinese sympathisers at a Chinese club in Connaught Road in which he addressed himself to the future of the Republican movement in China. By most fortunate circumstances, which, however, we do not intend specifying, we have been able to secure a translation of the gist of his remarks, and we are sure that our readers will appreciate the result of our arrangements to secure an outline of his oration.

As is known, Dr. Sun Yat-sen arrived by the s.s. *Devanah* at about 9 o'clock in the morning. Shortly afterwards, two parties of Chinese proceeded by launches alongside the steamer, one, the *Shun Lee*, containing a number of officials from Canton, together with Mr. Lam Woo, a prominent Hongkong merchant, and the other, the *Kwong Chow*, having on board a big company of Sun Yat-sen's local followers. Both parties boarded the *Devanah* and remained until about 10 o'clock, after which the whole company proceeded to the quayside. King Ku, which had been sent down from Canton and on board of which was Mr. Wu Hsun Man, the President of Hongkong police force followed in order to protect the party. Here the company remained until about 12.30, and as in the meantime a number of Japanese sympathisers with Dr. Sun Yat-sen's movement had arrived on board the *Devanah* to see him, the distinguished visitor returned to the mainland and had a brief interview with them. Then the "Doct." boarded the launch *Kwong Chow* and crossed the harbour, landing at the Wing Lok Street Wharf. Here a number of chairs were awaiting the arrival of the visitor, but he waved them off and in company with his followers walked to the Lan Tai Chinese club some few yards away on the Praya. Here he remained practically all day.

At 3 o'clock in the afternoon a meeting was held, these present including representatives of Kwangtung merchants, representatives of nine charitable institutions and members of the local commercial community.

In the course of an address, Dr. Sun Yat-sen, who received a great ovation, said the chief aim he sought to attain was the unification of the Republic and the Government. At the present time, he said, all the provinces were greatly in need of money, especially the Province of Yunnan, and it would be a matter of great difficulty for them to find such funds. So if a Republican Government were eventually formed, the need of money would still have to be faced, and the remedy could only be found in borrowing from foreign sources. But they would only borrow on the condition that no security money be wanted at 4 per cent. interest. It might be said that the people of China had objected to the borrowing of foreign money, but while that was so, it was because of three reasons. The first reason was that the Manchus borrowed money on such terms that the power of the country was sacrificed. The second reason was that the Manchus wasted the borrowed money without attaining any good results. The third reason was that big security was demanded. But if the Republican Government borrowed money there would be no loss of power and there would be no security required. Illustrating his point, Dr. Sun Yat-sen said Egypt borrowed money from foreign sources and lost her country, the reason being that she had sacrificed her power. But America, after her declaration of independence, resorted to foreign loans and still maintained her strength and her integrity. This was because there was no sacrificing of her power. Taking another example, the speaker said in the Russo-Japanese war both countries borrowed from foreign sources, but while Russia gave no security Japan did. This was because Russia was a big country and Japan a small one. Proceeding, Dr. Sun Yat-sen asserted that the first need of China was a complete system of railways running through all the provinces, because this would help the industries of the country by improving the facilities of transport. This would be one of the principal uses to which the borrowed money would in future be put, and the process of construction of the railways would be a gradual one, proceeding section by section. Thus in about six years' time all the borrowed funds could be paid back and the country would have the railways for herself. On the other hand, if they proceeded to build railways by the old method of "educating" the provinces, it would mean that the provinces at least ten years before the system was complete, and the cost would be enormous. As for the method of paying off the loans that would be simple. As the result of the railways, the value of land would enormously increase and consequently would be able to bear heavier taxation. This taxation would be used to pay off the debts. Recently the Manchus Government proposed to borrow a sum of £50,000,000 from four big nations and give the European Bankers a security. Under that arrangement two millions sterling were advanced. Then, too, the Government intended to borrow a like sum for the reform of the currency, but again on the Wuchang's able coming up with the refusal to advance the money. This clearly showed that the Manchus were not trusted by the foreign nations. Next, Yuen Shih Kai sought to borrow £50,000,000 from France and Belgium, but he (Dr. Sun Yat-sen) saw a telegram to Belgium saying that the people of China would not recognize the loan and would not undertake to repay it. As a result, the scheme fell through. Then the capitalists in England wished to advance loans to the old Government and accordingly went to see the British Foreign

Minister on the matter, asking him to promise to interfere on their behalf if the loan were not eventually repaid. However, the Foreign Minister would not agree to this, and later on the capitalists' agents approached him asking for similar assurances if money were loaned to the Republican Government. To this the Minister replied that he could give no assurance, it was solely a matter for themselves to risk. So it would be soon that whereas the foreign countries did not trust the Manchus, there was already a measure of sympathy for the Republican Government, as was evidenced by the desire of capitalists to advance them money. The speaker ended by asking that after his arrival at Shanghai and the establishment of the new Government he could easily borrow the needed money.

A question was addressed to the speaker by a Canton representative, who asked what could be done to prevent the continuous murders and assassinations being carried out at Canton by the new soldiers. Dr. Sun Yat-sen replied that these soldiers would in time be of great use. If they were at present troublesome, after his arrival in Shanghai they had better send the soldiers up to him and he would get them trained into good men. All robbers and pimps between the ages of 20 and 40 in Kwangtung should be persuaded to throw in their lot with the new order and if they were sent up to him he would see that they were turned into good soldiers. He sincerely hoped that the people of Canton would exercise patience and wait for the new Government to be surely founded.

One of the members of the audience then asked Dr. Sun Yat-sen whether or not he would urge Wong Sze Lung, the Deputy President of Canton, who resigned, to go up to Canton again and take up his duties. Dr. Sun Yat-sen replied that he had not time to do so requested, but Mr. Wong had better be persuaded to go up himself. He added that he was going to Shanghai and intended taking President Wu with him.

At this announcement there was some excitement displayed, the members shouting out that Wu was President of Canton and could not therefore go North now.

Dr. Sun Yat-sen replied that on Mr. Wu's departure, Chan Kwong Ming would act as President at Canton, and later he (the speaker) would hand down Wong Ching Kai to Cantonese officials at present in Peking to take over the duties of President at Canton.

Shortly afterwards the proceedings terminated with applause and cheers. At 4.30 o'clock Dr. Sun Yat-sen, together with President Wu of Canton, left on the launch *Shun Lee* and were conveyed across the harbour to the *Devanah*, where they embarked for Shanghai.

A QUESTION OF THE RIGHT
PARTY.

The case in which Messrs. A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd., sued J. H. Newbold to recover \$387.61, was mentioned before Mr. Justice Gompertz at the Supreme Court this morning.

Mr. M. D. J. Stephens, who appeared for plaintiffs, said he found it necessary to prove the claim, which he would explain to his Lordship when the case came on. Mr. Gardner, he believed, appeared for defendant.

His Lordship—Are you for defendant?

His Lordship—Do you want a day?

Mr. Gardner—Yes. Mr. Stephens said he understood the amount was not disputed but his friend said defendant was not the right party against whom the claim should be brought but he would prove to his Lordship that defendant was the proper party. He thought it was only a question of party so far as he knew. Perhaps Mr. Gardner could explain.

The case was fixed for January 23.

MACAO'S NEW HARBOUR
MASTER.

Senhor Hugo Lacerda, the newly appointed Harbour Master of Macao, arrived from Lisbon yesterday by the P and O Mail s.s. *Devanah*, accompanied by Lieut. M. T. Carvalho. He proceeded to Macao in the afternoon by the *Sai Tai*. Senhor Lacerda is an officer of the Portuguese Navy and is an hydraulic engineer. His appointment in the present state of the Macao harbour question is welcomed by the inhabitants of the settlement. We understand, in addition to his duties of Harbour Master he has been commissioned to another important post. Lieut. Carvalho belongs to the Infantry and joins the Macao Garrison.

SOMETHING TO REMEMBER.

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BY TELEGRAPH.

MCKENNA BERESFORD.

A SHARP RETORT.

(Reuter Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, Dec. 22.

The Right Hon. Mr. Reginald McKenna, in a letter replying to a recent attack of Lord Charles Beresford says:—"Nobody attaches any importance to what Lord Charles Beresford says. It is common knowledge that I refused to employ him as an Admiral of the Fleet."

ITALY'S DIFFICULT
TASK.

HEAVY FIGHTING REPORTED.

(Reuter Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, Dec. 22.

A message from Rome states that the Italians made a strong reconnaissance on Tuesday and attempted to surround the oasis beyond Ain Zara. They, however, found the enemy stronger than they expected, numbering over 3,000.

After fighting all night, the enemy finally retired. The Italians suffered 86 casualties.

STRONG REVIVAL OF
UNIONISM.

A SCOTTISH VICTORY.

(Reuter Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, Dec. 22.

At the bye-election at North Ayrshire Capt. D. Campbell (Unionist) polled 7,318 votes and succeeded in defeating Mr. A. Anderson, K.C. (Liberal), who was recently appointed Solicitor-General for Scotland.

The result has been greeted with the greatest jubilation on the part of the Unionists, who now hope to triumph at Govan to-morrow, despite an adverse majority of 2,050 and the confidence of the Liberals.

The chief issue at Govan has been the Insurance Bill, and the Labourites have issued a manifesto advising their followers to vote for the Unionist, owing to the use of the military in strikes and the Government's attitude on the Osborn judgement.

AMERICAN POLITICS.

A COMING BATTLE.

(Reuter Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, Dec. 21.

President Taft in a Message to Congress on the Report of the Tariff Board dealing with the wool schedule urges immediate revision in the direction of reductions, for which, he says, there is ample reason, particularly as regards raw wool. He recommends that the Board be made permanent in order that it may treat each schedule of the tariff like the wool schedule. The Message is expected to lead to the greatest political battle of the Session.

TURKISH CONSTITU-
TIONAL DISPUTE.VIOLENT ATTACK ON
GOVERNMENT.

(Reuter Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, Dec. 21.

Reuter's correspondent at Constantinople cables that the proposal of the Government to modify the Constitution and give the Sultan unrestricted power to dissolve Parliament led to the most furious debate in Turkish parliamentary history which developed into a violent opposition onslaught on the Government and on the party of progress, the position of which is seriously jeopardised.

The Minister for War appealed for concord, stating that otherwise Turkey would share the fate of Morocco and Persia. Efforts are being made to form a coalition Government.

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BY TELEGRAPH.

AUSTRALIAN POLITICS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, Dec. 21.

Reuter's Melbourne correspondent reports that Parliament has passed a Bill making 25 per cent. of the reserve against the Commonwealth notes applicable to the whole issue instead of to a portion thereof, as hitherto.

The House also adopted an Electoral Reform Bill compelling writers to sign all political news prior to elections.

NEW GERMAN COLONIAL SECRETARY.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, Dec. 21.

Reuter's Berlin correspondent says it is semi-officially stated that Herr Sell, the former Governor of Samoa, becomes Secretary of State for the Colonies.

A MAMMOTH GUN.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, Dec. 21.

It is announced that Krupp are manufacturing a 15-inch naval gun, the most powerful in existence.

JAPAN AND CHINA.

RECIPROCITY URGED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, Dec. 21.

Reuter's correspondent at Santiago states that the Chilean Commissioner appointed to study the Chile-Japanese trade agreement is recommending a measure whereby low-priced necessities should be imported from Japan in return for the exportation of nitrates.

THE OPIUM MARKET.

NEXT YEAR'S SALES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, Dec. 21.

At the 1912 opium sales 19,840 chests will be offered, 8,830 being from Patna and 11,010 from Gwalior, of which 5,700 will be certified for export to China. The figures show the effect that is being given to the agreement with China.

PERSIA AND THE RUSSIAN ULTIMATUM.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, Dec. 21.

Reuter's Tehran correspondent wires that the Majlis has adopted the proposal of the Minister for Foreign Affairs to appoint a commission of five deputies with plenary powers to deal with the Russian ultimatum.

INTERNATIONAL OPIUM CONVENTION.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, Dec. 21.

Reuter's correspondent at The Hague states that the Opium Conference has commenced a discussion on the draft of the International Convention which is to be submitted to the Powers for their ratification.

RUSSO-PERSIAN FERMEN.

SERIOUS FIGHTING REPORTED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, Dec. 21.

Tabriz telegrams report serious fighting between the Persian Constitutionals and the Russians.

THE CIVIL SERVICE.

ROYAL COMMISSION TO REPORT.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, Dec. 21.

Government has decided to appoint a Royal Commission to enquire into the system of appointment and the methods of promotion in the Civil Service.

THE MOROCCAN AGREEMENT.

SIGNIFICANT FRENCH ABSTINENCE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, December 21.

Reuter's Paris correspondent states that several Deputies of constituencies on the Eastern frontier abstained from the division on the Moroccan agreement on the ground that they did not wish to subscribe to a Franco-German rapprochement.

BY TELEGRAPH.

SHANGHAI PEACE CONFERENCE.

A DEADLOCK.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, December 21.

Reuter's Shanghai correspondent states that a deadlock has been reached at the Peace Conference owing to Wu Tingfang maintaining that a Republic is the only basis of settlement.

Tang Shao Yi, the Imperial Delegate, replied that he must refer such an extremely important question to Peking.

The armistice has consequently been prolonged for a week.

The Consul-General of the Powers have made unofficial representations to the Imperial and Rebel representatives urging a speedy understanding in the interests of all concerned.

Wu Tingfang has replied that a hasty peace not in accordance with the wishes of the people would probably lead to a more serious outbreak.

NO REPUBLIC.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, Dec. 21.

Reuter's Peking correspondent states that Yuan Shih Kai declared in an interview that he would never agree to a Republic.

"THE TIMES" ADVICE.

The Times in an article on the Chinese Revolution says the effective power of the Manchus is doubtless gone for ever, and the safest way to attain lasting reform would be under the nominal authority of the Dragon Throne.

The step being taken by the Powers at Shanghai ought to silence the talk of intervention, which might involve danger to the peace of the world. But abstention from intervention involves abstention from lending money to either party, and no loan could be made until the government was re-established.

The security, therefore, would be a compromise between the contending parties.

HOME LABOUR TROUBLES.

SERIOUS LANCASHIRE SITUATION.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, Dec. 21.

The first shot in the Lancashire labour struggle was fired at Accrington yesterday when a mill stopped owing to the refusal of the hands to work with two non-unionists. The Employers' Association meets to-morrow to consider the situation. A lock-out of 100,000 operatives is expected.

DUNDEE QUIETER.

The situation at Dundee is quieter. The strikers announce the prospect of a settlement to-morrow.

DUNDEE POLICE ATTACKED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, Dec. 21.

A mob of several hundred people attacked two coal carts at Dundee to-day.

The strikers pelted the police with coals, but were eventually dispersed.

COAL MINERS TO BALLOT.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, December 22.

The coal miners have decided to ballot on January 10th on the question as to whether there shall be a national stoppage on the subject of a minimum wage.

KING GEORGE'S BIG "BAG."

3 TIGERS: 3 RHINOS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, Dec. 21.

In his first day's shoot in Nepal, King George killed three tigers and three rhinos.

AMERICA AND RUSSIA.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, December 21.

Reuter's Washington correspondent states that the House endorsed President Taft's abrogation of the Russian Treaty there being only one dissentient.

THE SHIPWRECKED ROYAL PARTY.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, December 21.

The Princess Royal and Family, who were shipwrecked on the s.s. Delhi, have embarked at Gibraltar on the P. & O. Macedonia for Egypt.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND BUILDINGS ORDINANCE.

Hon. Mr H. E. Pollock's Severe Criticism.

(Continued on page 4.)

MR. POLLOCK'S CRITICISM.

Hon. Mr Pollock said—I desire to say that regarding clauses 4, 5, 6, and 7, of this Bill, I cannot congratulate the Government on bringing forward such clauses as a Government measure. This Bill was introduced—December 6—and was before the Council at its last meeting on the 7th. Since then other provisions have been inserted which appear in the printed bill only a few days ago, with other further amendments contemplated. Regarding clauses 5 and 6, the Hon. Member for the Council seems to admit that these clauses are not very satisfactory provisions. He apparently thinks it a good thing, when ever some difficulty arises in drafting a Bill, to settle that difficulty by giving practically autocratic powers to himself as the Building Authority. I submit, with all due respect to him, that this is not a satisfactory way of dealing with such a question. Some of his remarks actually show that, if these powers conferred by the Bill were given to him, he would lead to unreasonable results in certain matters.

There is no reason for this Council to pass a measure which an expert like the Director of Public Works might be pushed to unreasonable conclusions. It is the first time, I think, in the history of Public Health legislation, that a Building Authority has taken such an extremely short cut, which may seem to him to be a very easy way of dealing with the many-headed interests in this Colony. Legislation is attempted, which, if certain of its provisions were carried out to their fullest extent, would operate harshly and unfairly upon property owners. As an instance of this I would point out that section 5 confers most extreme arbitrary powers upon the Building Authority. The language is simply astounding. It says "no building which does not fulfil the provisions of sub-sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 of this section shall be erected or re-erected or raised to a height exceeding such a height as the Building Authority may authorize. Anything more astounding than the language of this subsection would be difficult to conceive. It means that in the case of a building that does not happen to be on the right side of any street, the Building Authority has absolute power to say what the height of that building shall be. The Building Authority has absolutely unchecked power in that respect. If the building is set back in the smallest degree from the road or if it is not based on a line between the road and street, then the Building Authority can say this building can be 10, 20, 30, or 40 feet high. The hon. Member for the Council, who is a member of the British House of Parliament, was put forward a measure and say this is a very imperfect measure, but it is difficult to draft anything which is satisfactory. I would submit that clause 5, Section 4, is a really contemptible provision, what the Hon. Director of Public Works has done. Another clause, which is very arbitrary is clause 5 sub-section III, and the only excuse, if it be an excuse, which it is not, is the argument for allocating such powers to himself as Building Authority is a really contemptible provision. It gives him absolutely arbitrary powers the very same as the Council in Council. It is unfair that any arbitrary authority should be conferred on anybody. This clause is a really contemptible provision. When sub-section V, clause 4 confers absolute discretion upon the Building Authority in the first instance. Another point of criticism in clause 4 is that it is proposed in section 188 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance of 1903 to alter the word "front" whenever it occurs in the Ordinance. It is apparently intended to make section 188 conform to section 189. It would be much more reasonable if section 189 were made to conform to 188. It should be fronting and not abutting. This is not a mere verbal criticism because in paragraph (a) near the top of page 2, in clause 4, it would follow that when we get a short distance from the front which is now in the bill 40 feet, beyond that distance you would have to regulate the height of the building by a line at the side. Take the instance of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank and the Chartered Bank. If these premises were burned down and had to be rebuilt the height would be regulated in accordance with the width of the street in front for a distance of 50 feet and for the rest of the distance back you would have the height regulated by a narrow side lane. The hon. member on my right says in carrying out the provisions of this bill, attempt will be made to take advantage of its provisions in dealing with property owners. That is not proper legislation to pass. You don't want to pass legislation which confers such powers upon anybody or any authority whatever powers which can or may be exercised in an unreasonable manner. With regard to clause 6, as hon. members will see, it substitutes a new section for section 189 of Ordinance No. 1 of 1903, but it will be noted in comparing that clause with section 189 of the Bill in line 12 there is a reference in that clause to the line nearest the main wall. That, Sir, is different from the provisions of section 189 in Ordinance No. 1 of 1903 which says the height of any building shall be determined by measuring the line of the main wall both back and front. As the law at present stands you go by the line of the main wall back and front but not as is proposed in clause 5 of the Bill, by the nearest main wall. That might have the effect in some cases of lessening the height of buildings which is permissible by law. I would submit that the Council should be fully informed upon that point, and an expression like that should not be put in the bill which might have the effect of adversely affecting the height of buildings. I would submit very good explanation of the necessity for the change. Passing to clause 6, sub-section 3 provides for a fine of \$25 being paid. The hon. member to a moment of unexpected candour referred to it as an imposition. It is an imposition. I would submit that no sufficient reason has been shown why that imposition should be inflicted. With regard to clause 7, I admit that the hon. member on my right has to a certain extent shown a

gratitude. It is a very annoying—that architects should be changed and plans modified and forwarded again. It seems to me that while it may be a grievance it is proportionate that a fee of \$250 should be deposited in that connection. I would also point out that these clauses, 6 and 7, upon which so far as I am aware the persons most nearly concerned, the architects, have had no opportunity of passing judgment at all—neither these clauses nor anything corresponding to these clauses appeared in the bill on the 6th December which I presume has been published in the Government Gazette—and yet apparently the Government contemplated when we began proceedings this afternoon that these clauses 6 and 7 should be passed through this Council without the smallest opportunity being given to those affected by the bill, property owners or architects, of passing judgment upon these clauses. These are entirely new clauses since the Bill was first introduced, and certainly I do not think this Council should be asked to pass these clauses until the persons affected have had some reasonable opportunity of bringing forward criticisms in connection with them. For these reasons I feel it my duty when in committee to move numerous amendments.

SANITARY BOARD'S APPOINTAL.

The Colonial Secretary—Sir, I do not propose to reply in any detail to the strictures passed by the hon. and learned member, as there will be a full opportunity for discussion in committee. Many of the remarks made by him would have been more properly made in committee. I wish to remind the Council that the bill was placed before the Sanitary Board, and the Board approved of it in its present form. I had a letter from the Secretary to the Sanitary Board two days ago informing me in that sense. I may say that but for the fact that the Sanitary Board approved of the Bill it would not have been brought forward in its present form. There is no intention on the part of the Government to pass the bill through all its stages to-day. The reason for the Government bringing this bill forward with many additions since our last meeting was that the revision of the statute law of the Colony is now in progress. The editor, the Chief Justice, is informed that the type of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance is now standing. It is desirable that any amendments made in this bill should, if possible be made in the revision of the Ordinance now in progress, otherwise there will be the usual trouble in making further amendments next year. I hope therefore the hon. and learned member will not oppose the second reading, but allow us to discuss the Bill clause by clause in committee.

The motion was agreed to.

Council then went into committee on the Bill.

NEW SOLICITOR ADMITTED.

At the Supreme Court this afternoon, Mr. Archibald H. H. Crew, who recently arrived from England to join the firm of Messrs. Hastings and Hastings, was admitted to practice before the Chief Justice Sir Francis Fitzgerald and Mr. Justice Gompertz.

Mr. E. H. Butler made the application. The Chief Justice said that they had read the papers and they were very pleased to admit him. Hongkong was not always so foggy as it was to-day and he thought he would find it a very pleasant place to live in.

THE KOVARICK CONCERT.

The concert given in the Theatre Royal on Thursday evening by the young Hungarian violinist Hart Kovarick attracted a fair and appreciative audience. The programme presented was unusually brilliant, and needless to say was most delightfully carried out. Kovarick gives promise of having a distinguished career. He has his faults of course, but they are the faults of youth and will be gradually sloughed off as he reaches maturity. A little hesitancy here and there, a slight lack of precision where least expected were the only trifling faults noticeable on Thursday. In the opening number, too, he failed to keep the lead, for the most part it seemed as though the orchestra dominated him and not the other way. But his tone was true and in the third bracketed item, particularly in the Souvenir of Daria and the Mazurka de Concert by Musin, he drew forth music which will long haunt the chambers of memory. The duo with Mr. Donman Filler was a splendid piece of work, both artists being heard at their best, playing up to one another and giving an interpretation at once satisfying and artistic.

Mrs. A. B. Moulder is to be heartily congratulated on her share in the concert. Her Wagner's selection was a scholarly piece of work, but in the "Song of Mimi" (Puccini) she fairly carried her audience away and had to return and give an encore. To the orchestra of the last but not least, K.O.Y.L.L. prize is due for their finished contribution to the programme. They well deserved the applause bestowed.

ITEMS AT THE COURTS.

For attempting to pass counterfeit coin a native was to-day fined \$100 or six months imprisonment.

A coolie who snatched a hat from a compatriot in Connaught Road last night was sent to prison for six months and ordered to be given 12 strokes with the "cat."

Four boatwomen were fined \$3 each by Commander C. W. Beckwith, R.N., at the Marine Court this morning, for lying alongside the Aberdeen public wharf in such a manner as to prevent the access of other vessels.

Yesterday an overcoat valued \$15, belonging to Mr. Leabral, was stolen from the V. R. C. dressing room. A suspected Chinese was caught out and found at I Yik Lane, Queen's Road West, with a pawn ticket for the coat in his possession. He had pawned the coat for \$2. Mr. E. A. Irving sent the thief to prison for three months, and in view of the low figure at which the coat was pawned, ordered the pawnbroker to restore it to the owner without compensation.

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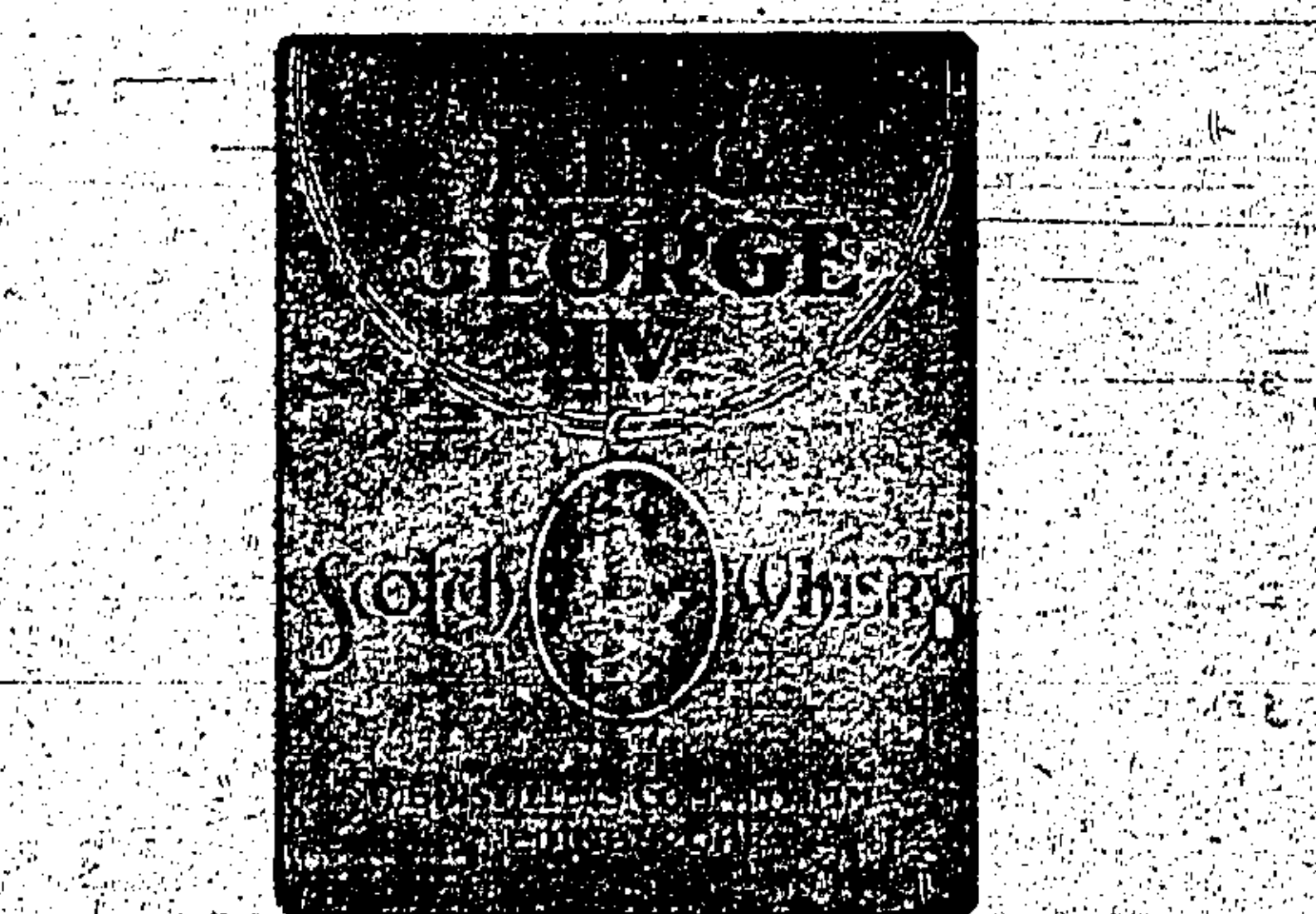
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For SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA
CAPTAIN OLSHOFFER, Jan. 1, about 8 P.M.

For MARSEILLES, Via PORT AUSTRALIEN, AILAND, Jan. 2, at 1 P.M.

TRANSFERRING ON THE CO'S STEAMERS AT SINGAPORE FOR BATAVIA, at COLOMBO for CALCUTTA, BOMBAY and AUSTRALIA, at PORT SAID for the LEVANT, COASTAL, MEDITERRANEAN and BLACK SEA.

Through Tickets to London, via PARIS, from £27.10 up to £71.10. 30 hours away from Marseilles to London. Interceptors meet passengers on their arrival in Marseilles.

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FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW
AND RETURN.
(Occupying 9 to 10 Days).

Steamers	Captain	Leaving
SHANTAN	Capt. J. S. Roach	SUNDAY, 24th Dec., at 11 A.M.
HAICHING	Capt. W. O. Passmore	TUESDAY, 26th Dec., at 11 A.M.
HAITANG	Capt. J. W. Evans	THURSDAY, 28th Dec., at 11 A.M.

FOR SWATOW AND RETURN

(Occupying 3 Days)

SHAMUN, Capt. A. H. Stewart, WEDNESDAY, 27th Dec., at 11 A.M.
Steamers will arrive at, and depart from, the Company's Wharf near Blake Pier.

For Freight and Passage, apply to:

DOUGLAS, LAFRAIK & CO.,
General Managers.



PHILIPPINES STEAMSHIP CO.

Steamers	Tons	Captain	For	Leaving Date
RUBI	4,000	S. Oroby	Manila, Mangrove, Iloilo & Cebu	SATURDAY, Dec. 30, at 4 P.M.
SAFIRO	4,000	M. O. Sallier	Manila, Mangrove, Iloilo & Cebu	WEDNESDAY, Jan. 3, at 10 P.M.

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REGULAR SERVICE FROM HONGKONG TO
VANCOUVER, B.C., SEATTLE & PORTLAND (Or),
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Carrying Cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Overland-Common Points.

Steamer	Tons	Captain	On or about
RYGJA	8,000		20th December.

To be followed by other steamers of the Company at regular intervals.
The BANK LINE Steamers are of the Newest Design, have most Commodious Accommodation and are fitted throughout with Electric Light and Wireless Telegraphy.

Special Parcel Express to American and Canadian Ports.
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CARGO carried on through Bills of Lading from HONGKONG to BEIRA, DELAGOA BAY, DURBAN (NATAL), EAST LONDON, PORT ELIZABETH and CAPE TOWN with transshipment at COLOMBO to steamers of the Indian African Line.

NEXT SAILING.

From HONGKONG. 23rd December.
From COLOMBO. 17th January.

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Hongkong, April 1, 1911.

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REGULAR SERVICE FROM CALCUTTA TO RIVER PLATE.

These Steamers of this Service provide Quickest transit from the Orient to the Argentine.

Cargo carried on Through Bills of Lading from Hongkong to River Plate Ports transshipping to Conference-Weir Line steamers at Calcutta.

PROPOSED SAILINGS:
FROM HONGKONG
End December
FROM CALCUTTA
End January.

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South African Ports.

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And regularly thereafter.

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Hongkong, August 30, 1911

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For SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, MANILA, YAP, ANGAUR, SAMAR, PRINZ SIGISMUND, RAI NEWGUINEA, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

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MAIL SERVICE TO AUSTRALIA.

MAIL SCHEDULE (SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION)

Steamers	Arrive Hongkong from Australia	Leave Hongkong for Australia
EMPIRE	Dec. 20	Jan. 6th, at Noon
ST. ALBANS	Jan. 12	Feb. 3rd, at Noon
EASTERN	Feb. 9	Mar. 2nd, at Noon
ALDENHAM	Feb. 23	Mar. 16th, at Noon

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Hongkong, November 2, 1908.

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Notices to Consignees

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM EUROPE, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

THE Company's Steamship Yusei Maru, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Godowns at Kowloon Wharf, where each consignee will be turned out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before 2nd Noon, To-day.

Goods not to be admitted after the 2nd Noon, To-day.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recomplied. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, Agents.

Hongkong, December 21, 1911.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES FROM NEW YORK.

THE H.A.L. Steamship ARAGONIA, Captain MERRA, having arrived, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Godowns at Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, where delivery may be obtained against Bills of Lading countersigned by the Underwriters.

Optional Cargo will be carried on unless notice to the contrary be given today. All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recomplied.

No Claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 23rd inst., at 9.30 A.M.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE, Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, December 19, 1911.

'SHIRE' LINE OF STEAMERS, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM EUROPE (via COLOMBO), AND STRAITS.

THE s.s. Pembroke, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of cargo by her are hereby informed that all goods are being landed at their risk in the Godowns at Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., where delivery may be obtained. Goods not cleared by the 25th December, at 9 A.M. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on 23rd December, at 10 A.M. Claims against the steamer must be presented within 10 days of arrival, otherwise they will not be recomplied.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATTHEW & CO., Ltd., Agents.

Hongkong, December 12, 1911.

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